

Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the first heading before paragraph [0001] as follows:

~~Description~~

Please replace the second heading before paragraph [0001] with the following amended heading as follows:

~~Technical Area~~ BACKGROUND

Please delete the heading before paragraph [0002] as follows:

~~Background Information~~

Please replace the heading before paragraph [0005] as follows:

~~Illustration of the Invention~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] ~~The~~ An object of the present invention is to provide a heat-resistant ironing board cover having an elastic padding in such a way that it is securely attached to the ironing board in the easiest possible way and is also easily removable from the ironing board when needed.

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] ~~This object is achieved according to the~~ The present invention ~~for~~ provides a heat-resistant ironing board cover having an elastic padding in that the ironing board cover is form-fittingly attachable to the ironing board while using its padding. The ironing board cover is designed such that it is able to produce a form-fitting attachment with the ironing board itself.

Please replace the heading before paragraph [0011] with the following amended heading as follows:

~~Brief Description of the Drawing~~ BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] Two exemplary embodiments of the performance of the attachment of the ironing board cover to the ironing board are illustrated in the appended ~~drawing~~ drawings.

Please replace the heading before paragraph [0017] with the following amended heading as follows:

~~Detailed Description of the Exemplary Embodiments~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE
PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please amend paragraph [0017] as follows:

[0017] Figure 1 shows the top view of an ironing board 1, and Fig. 2 shows a cross sectional view. Ironing board 1 has, as is known, a board surface 2 made of expanded metal. A nonwoven layer 4, whose top is provided with barbs for a hook-and-loop fastener, is glued around the entire edge 3 of board surface 2. The contour of padding 5 (see Figure 2) of ironing board cover 6 is designed such that it corresponds to the contour of ironing board 1. In addition, its bottom 7 is also provided with a nonwoven layer 8, whose design corresponds to nonwoven layer 4 ~~8~~ on top face 9 of ironing board 1. However, this nonwoven layer ~~8~~ 4 is provided with loops, so that the hooks of nonwoven layer 4 of the ironing board may engage with them.

[0018] Figure 2 shows the individual parts in an exploded view. After ironing board cover 6 is placed on ironing board 1 and pressed by hand, a sufficiently strong connection is produced between ironing board cover 6 and ironing board 1. It should also be noted that only legs ~~13~~ 14 are indicated under the ironing board; all other parts have been omitted.

[0019] Figures 3 and 4 show another option for the form-fitting connection between ironing board cover 6 and ironing board 1. Also in this case the contour of padding 5 corresponds to the contour of ironing board 1. However, padding 5 is attached to ironing board 1 by providing padding 5 with a peripheral edge ~~10~~ 13, which has a bulge 12 engaging with peripheral edge 11 of ironing board 1 from behind. In the area of bulge 12, padding 5 is provided with a material stiffening, which is indicated by the darker shading. This material stiffening further reinforces the fit of ironing board cover 6 on ironing board 1. To achieve material stiffening, padding 5 may be impregnated in the area of bulge 12 with a cross-linkable polymer. After impregnation, the polymer is hardened, for example, by applying heat.